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NOT MEMBERS OF IAEA

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1. IN DISCUSSIONS 9/4 WITH MISOFFS, AUSTRALIAN AMBASS-
ADOR (FURLONGER) AGAIN RAISED PROBLEM OF INVITATION TO
BE EXTENDED NPT PARTIES NOT MEMBERS OF THE AGENCY TO
PARTICIPATE IN PNE ADVISORY GROU (REF A PARA 6). HE
NOTED THAT REPUBLIC OF CHINA ALREADY LISTED AS NPT
PARTY IN AGENCY'S ANNUAL REPORT AND ADROIT MANAGEMENT
WOULD THEREFORE BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO AVOID PROVOK-
ING ANY PARTICIPANT TO TAKE PUBLIC POSITION ON QUESTION
OF INVITING ROC, A SITUATION WHICH WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL
IN INAUGURAL MEETING OF PNE GROUP.

2. OBSERVING THAT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT IN THIS
CONNECTION THAT ROC NOT BE SINGLED OUT FOR OMISSION
FROM LIST OF INVITEES, FURLONGER SUGGESTED THAT SOME
OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN THE SAME CATEGORY MIGHT BE
INFORMALLY SOUNDED OUT IN ADVANCE BY MEMBER STATES
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WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING THEIR WISHES WITH REGARD
TO RECEIVING AN INVITATION BY THE GROUP. IT SEEMED

LIKELY THAT MANY OF 23 COUNTRIES CONCERNED WOULD HAVE NO INTEREST, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH HAD NOT ATTENDED NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE.

3. ASSUMING THESE INFORMAL SOUNDINGS CONFIRMED THIS AND A NUMBER OF THESE STATES HAD INDICATED DISINTEREST, CHAIRMAN OF GROUP (LIKELY TO BE ALLAN WILSON OF AUSTRALIA), IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONSENSUS PROCEDURE FOLLOWED BY BOARD CHAIRMAN, COULD READ OFF IN RANDOM ORDER LIST OF COUNTRIES IN THIS CATEGORY WHICH HE, WITH CONCURRENCE OF GROUP, PROPOSED INVITE TO GROUP SESSIONS, HIS UNDERSTANDING BEING THAT OTHER COUNTRIES IN THIS CATEGORY HAD INDICATED NO WISH TO BE INVITED. LIST WOULD OMIT ROC AND COUNTRIES HAVING INDICATED DISINTEREST.

4. FURLONGER RECOMMENDING CANBERRA APPROACH FIJI AND TONGA ON THIS QUESTION. UK RES REP (SLATER) IS SUGGESTING HIS GOVERNMENT SOUND OUT NEPAL, MALTA AND SAN MARINO. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH CONSIDER LOW-KEY APPROACHES TO A FEW OTHERS. OTHER COUNTRIES IN THIS CATEGORY ARE BOTSWANA, BURUNDI, CAMEROON, C.A.R., CHAD, DAHOMEY, GAMBIA, HONDURAS, LAOS, LESOTHO, MALDIVES, NICARAGUA, RWANDA, SOMALIA, SWAZILAND, TOGO, UPPER VOLTA.

5. WHILE MISSION REALIZES THIS SCENARIO WOULD NOT NECESSARILY PRECLUDE DEBATE IN GROUP, WE THINK IT HAS MERIT IN OFFERING PRACTICAL SOLUTION TO A DELICATE AND POTENTIALLY DIVISIVE POLITICAL PROBLEM WITH THOSE STATES RECOGNIZING LEGALITY ROC (AND THEREFORE ITS ADHERENCE TO NPT) LINED UP AGAINST THOSE WHO DO NOT. IT SEEMS TO US UNLIKELY THAT ROC HAS ANY REAL INTEREST IN PNE'S; HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF EXCHANGES BETWEEN US AND ROC, RE ATTENDANCE AT NPT REVCON, WE WOULD SUGGEST ROC NOT RPT NOT BE APPROACHED ON MATTER.

6. ADVISE.LABOWTIZ

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